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WALL STREET JOURNAL, JULY 23, CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT
AFTER FEATURE ARTICLE ON PIA MANAGEMENT SUCCESS BY
WILLIAM D. HARTLEY, STAFF REPORTER:

QUOTE: PAKISTAN REOPENS STUDY OF BOEING PAYOFF CHARGE

KARACHI - ACTING ON ORDERS FROM PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR
ALI BHUTTO, PAKISTAN'S FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS AGENCY HAS
RESUMED ITS INQUIRY INTO CHARGES THAT BOEING CO. MADE
USE OF PAYOFFS IN THE SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO PAKISTAN
INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES.

AS REPORTED IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL LAST MONTH, BOEING'S
REPRESENTATIVE IN PAKISTAN IS AZIZ JAMALL, WHOSE OLDER
BROTHER, ENVER, IS CURRENTLY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE
AIRLINE, A POST THAT MAKES HIM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.
PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL PURCHASED SEVEN BOEING 707 AND FOUR
BOEING 720B JET AIRLINERS, BEGINNING AS FAR BACK AS THE
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EARLY 1960S, WHEN ENVER JAMALL HAD IMPORTANT RESPON-

SIBILITY FOR AIRCRAFT-PURCHASE DECISIONS.

AT THE TIME THE STORY APPEARED, A FORMER FINANCIAL OFFICER
OF BOEING WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE ASSUMED THE TWO
BROTHERS SHARED THE COMMISSIONS.

AN INQUIRY WAS LATER ORDERED INTO THE AFFAIR. BUT LATE
LAST MONTH, PAKISTAN'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AZIZ AHMAD, DECLARED THE JOURNAL
REPORT "BASELESS AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION" AND SAID THE
CASE CLOSED AFTER THE AGENCY'S INVESTIGATION. MR.
BHUTTO'S ORDERS REOPENED THE INQUIRY. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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